

"THE SUBURBAN LAWN MANIA GAME"

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OF course, Those who ARE SO WRAPPED up in The whole thing DO NOT see IT AS ANY SUCH THING, AS NOT A MANIA OR A GAME, OR AN OBSESSION.

TO Them it is ALL JUST A NORMAL PART OF being A SUBURBAN HOMEOWNER AND "MAINTAINING A GOOD LAWN."

~~PERHAPS~~ Oh, REALLY?

BUT THE COST AND EXTREEMS They GO TO IN ORDER TO DO SO, SPEAK VOLUMES; AND FOR WHAT?

WHAT IS GRASS FOR, IF NOT TO BE LAYED ON AND WALKED ON? PLAYED ON AND ENJOYED?

WELL, FOR THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF SUBURBAN HOMEOWNERS, THE ENDLESS STRIVING FOR "THE PERFECT LAWN" IS AN OBSESSION, TO "KEEP UP" WITH, OR SURPASS, THE LOOKS OF THE LAWNS OF THE YARDS NEXT DOOR. AND ITS ALL ABOUT LOOKS - HOW THEIR GRASS LOOKS, NOT ANYTHING MORE.

"STAY OFF THE GRASS" IS THE ORDER OF THE DAY. PESTICIDES AND CHEMICALS AND REGULAR LAWN "TREATMENTS" MAKE THEIR BEAUTIFULL PERFECT LOOKING LAWNS INHOSPITABLE FOR CHILDREN AND PETS - NOT ONLY INSECTS.

BUT JUST LOOK HOW HEALTHY SUCH LAWNS LOOK!

NO CRABGRASS, NO IMPERFECT BROWN PATCHES, NO DANDALIONS, NO WEEDS; A PERFECT LAWN! TO PERFECTLY MATCH ALL THE OTHER PERFECT LAWNS ON THE BLOCK.

ALL THE OTHER PERFECT LOOKING LAWNS, THAT IS.

They LOOK SO INVITING, DON'T THEY? →

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BUT LOOKS - AS WE ALL KNOW - CAN BE DECEIVING.
BECAUSE, THOUGH SUCH PERFECT LOOKING LAWNS
~~LOOKS~~ MAY LOOK INVITING, THEY ARE THE SAME
KIND OF "INVITATIONS" PUT OUT BY 'SERIAL KILLERS';
EXCEPT SUCH "INVITING" LOOKS AT YOUR OWN RISK.
BECAUSE SUCH LAWNS ARE NOT MADE FOR
LAYING IN, OR FOR CHILDREN TO PLAY ON, OR
FOR WALKING ON ("KEEP OFF THE GRASS").
THEY ARE FOR LOOKING AT ONLY!

FOR IMPRESSING THE OTHER LAWN OBSESSERS WITH.
ITS ALL JUST FOR SHOW.

AND THE AMOUNT OF TIME AND ENERGY THEY
WASTE EACH SEASON DOING IT IS ENOUGH TO
RUN A SMALL COUNTRY.

THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THESE ~~OBSESSERS~~ ^{obsessives} SPEND
EACH YEAR ON WATER + WATER SYSTEMS AND
CHEMICAL TREATMENTS AND PROFESSIONAL

LANDSCAPING CONTRACTS - JUST IN ORDER TO
KEEP THEIR LAWNS LOOKING UP TO THEIR HIGH
VISUAL STANDARDS, IS - WHAT SHALL WE CALL IT?
INSANE? OBSESSIVE? POINTLESSLY WASTEFULL?

PERHAPS ALL OF THE ABOVE WOULD BE THE MOST
ACCURATE WAY TO EXPRESS THE TRUE REALITY OF IT.
JUST DON'T TELL THEM THAT.

THEY'D PROBABLY JUST FLIP OUT ON YOU LIKE
YOU WERE SOME LAWN DEFILEING POOCH THAT
JUST TOOK A POOP RIGHT ON THEIR PRECIOUS
PERFECT LOOKING LAWN, OR SOMETHING.

OR THEY'D ACCUSE YOU OF BEING A SOCIALIST
OR SOMETHING. OR OF BEING "ANTI-AMERICAN".

AS IF POISON LADEN BRIGHT GREEN LOOKING GRASS
WAS RIGHT UP THEIR WITH MOM AND APPLE PIE OR SOME

CRAP: ~~CRAP CRAP~~ HEY, SHER LOCKS - GUESS WHAT? MAKE
SURE YOUR MOMS DONT TRY TO EAT ANY APPLE →

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Pie ON THAT PERFECT LOOKING LAWN OF YOURS - LIKE BY MISTAKENLY HAVING A PICKNICK OR SOMETHING ON IT, BECAUSE IF YOUR PERFECT LOOKING LAWN DOESN'T MAKE YOUR MOM THROW UP THAT APPLE PIE, AND DOESN'T MAKE HER SO SICK SHE HAS TO GO TO THE HOSPITAL, IT JUST MIGHT KILL HER. AS AMERICAN AS MOM AND APPLE PIE, HUH? HAVING LAWNS LIKE THAT?

THAT'S A ~~SUBURBAN~~ SUBURBAN THING, NOT AN AMERICAN THING, YOU IGNORAMUSES! GO OUT INTO THE COUNTRY SOMETIME, GO OUT WEST SOMETIME, GET OUT OF YOUR SUBURBAN ENVIREMENT LONG ENOUGH TO SEE FOR YOURSELVES HOW FREAKISH YOUR WHOLE SUBURBAN LAWN OBSESSIONS REALLY ARE; ITS NOT AN AMERICAN THING ITS YOUR OWN NARROW SUBURBAN THING! BECAUSE REAL GRASS IS "IMPERFECT"! BECAUSE REAL GRASS IS MADE TO BE LIVED ON AND LAYED ON AND PLAYED ON AND WALKED ON, BROWN PATCHES AND ALL! NOT TO HAVE COUNTLESS MAN HOURS AND HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS WASTED ON BY YOU ~~WASTED~~ IN YOUR NEVER ENDING ~~QUEST~~ QUEST TO CREATE THE PERFECT SUBURBAN CURBSIDE ILLUSIONS OF ~~THE~~ HEALTHY LAWNS! YOU PEOPLE ARE SICK, YOU ARE POISENING LITTLE PETS AND LITTLE CHILDREN! WHAT'S SO "AMERICAN" ABOUT THAT? NOTHING! YOU THINK WE ARE BEING UNAMERICAN IN THIS? WE ARE THE REAL AMERICANS, YOU ~~ARE~~ FOOLS! NOW GO OUTSIDE, AS SOON AS YOU ALL CAN, AND GO LAY DOWN ON YOUR PERFECT LOOKING LAWNS - I DARE YOU!